NATO and the former Warsaw Pact as the original signatories to the treaty. However, the Treaty will enter into force after ratification proceedings are completed.

(b) The Open Skies Treaty is considered to be an important confidence building measure that seeks to increase mutual understanding of military forces and activities, which ease tensions and enhance confidence and security among states parties.

(c) and (d) As of now, Government has no proposal to sign any agreement on "Open Skies" Plan on the Sino-Indian or Indo-Pak borders.

India's Analysis of Pentagon Study on Gulf War

531. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has examined and analysed the 1300 page Pentagon study on the Gulf War in the context of Pakistan's present agressive plans; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The original report is classified. An abridged unclassified version has been released. Govt. constantly monitor developments to safeguard India's security interests.

532. [*Transfered to the 13th May*, 1992]

Bilateral Talks with Pakistan

533. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the next round of Indo-Pak official level talks which were scheduled to be held during the first half of current year would further be delayed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government of India are aware of the continued false propaganda being carried out by Pakistan abroad regarding Muslims in our country, if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether there is any likelihood of Indian and Pakistani leaders finding a time for discussion on bilateral issues during the forthcoming Earth-Summit (UN Conference on Environment Development) to be held at Rio De Janerio in Brazil in June, 1992 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The sixth round of Foreign Secretary level talks are expected to be held soon. Prior to these talks, meetings are scheduled on the Tulbul Navigation Project, demarcation of boundary in the Sir Creek area and on chemical weapons. The dates for these talks are being worked out through diplomatic channels.

(c) Government are aware of Pakistan's motivated propaganda on this and other issues. Government's concern and regret at these unacceptable statements have been conveyed to the Government of Pakistan on a number of occasions. The international community has also been apprised of the hollowness and distorted nature of Pakistani propaganda.

(d) Our Prime Minister would meet the Prime Minister of Pakistan on all appropriate occasions.

एशियाई अफ्रीकी और लेटिन (दक्षिण) अमरिका के देशों के आर्थिक विकास के लिए पहल

534. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार एशियाई, अफ्रीकी और दक्षिण अमरीकी देशों और विकासशील देशों के आर्थिक विकास के लिए कोई पहल कर रही है, और